

In my time in Congress, Mr. Speaker, I have developed the greatest respect and admiration for JANE HARMAN. Her dedication to this institution, her commitment to the people she represents, and her unfailing desire to work for the best interests of this nation set the standards to which all Members of Congress should strive.

Whether the issue has been gender equity in the military or establishing a budget lockbox, JANE has been a true leader. When she speaks out on an issue, Mr. Speaker, we all know that she has given it thoughtful consideration and is well informed. Her sincerity and knowledge give her an authority that enables her to persuasively make her case and convince her colleagues of the rightness of her position. This ability has served her constituents and this country very well, and she should be proud of her many accomplishments.

As a fellow Californian, I have always admired and respected the work JANE has done for our State. She will be sorely missed not only by her colleagues on the Hill, but by all those Californians who have come to rely on her reasoned and moderate approach to the issues.

Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives and the country are better for the service that JANE HARMAN has given us. I know that in the future she will continue her commitment to public service and her contributions to our nation will grow. I thank her for her efforts and wish her the best of luck for the future.

HONORING PHI DELTA KAPPA FOR  
25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 1998*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to honor the Southern Connecticut State University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa on their 25th anniversary. Phi Delta Kappa members provide a variety of services to promote and improve education in our community.

Members of this successful international organization are Connecticut educators who are continually active in the education arena and dedicated to the ideals of service, research, and leadership. They are teachers, principals, administrators and superintendents—people who are with kids every day, who have given their all to ensuring that our children have the best start in life.

On October 3, 1973, one hundred and twenty charter members were initiated into the newly formed chapter of Phi Delta Kappa at Southern Connecticut State University. Twenty-five years later, I am proud to say, this chapter has grown to nearly 500 members strong. It is these individuals, and all that they contribute, which make the Connecticut school system a success. Membership in this fraternity is recognition of the contributions to education made by our educators. I commend the members of the Southern Connecticut State University Chapter for all the work they have done in order to guarantee that our children will develop the skills they will need to build a successful future.

On behalf of the parents, students, and the residents of Connecticut, I thank you for your good work. It is for 25 years of dedicated and distinguished service of all members of the Southern Connecticut State University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa that I am proud to stand and recognize their achievements today.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE  
PLAN FOR AN IMPEACHMENT IN-  
QUIRY

**HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 1998*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I come before you to ask a very important question: Why did we bring this resolution to this floor?

I do not condone the President's behavior, but what I find truly abhorrent is the behavior of my Republican colleagues who have

launched a partisan attack against the President.

Certainly I believe that the President's conduct should be investigated and that the Congress has a constitutional responsibility to hold hearings looking into the allegations made by the Independent Counsel. But these hearings cannot be entered into lightly. It is a grave and serious matter that faces us. What we decide here today will have ramifications for generations to come. How we conduct ourselves will serve as a precedent for those who follow.

We owe it to the American people to rise to the level of the challenge before us and to move forward with this investigation in a solemn and judicious fashion—not in the destructive partisan manner that we have seen so far.

The investigation of the President has gone on far too long and must be brought to a swift conclusion—through a focused, limited and fair investigation—for the sake of the nation and in the interest of returning the attention of Congress back to the business of families and their children.

The people of California's 37th Congressional District elected me to fight for better education, to fight for safer streets, to fight for the protection of Social Security. Instead I have had to spend the crucial last weeks of this Congress wading through more than 4,000 pages of what amounts to little more than pornography. By bogging down real legislative business with salacious details of sex and scandal, my Republican colleagues have done nothing to make a real difference in the lives of America's working families.

I call on my colleagues on the other side of the aisle today to change their do-nothing ways and finally make a real difference in Americans' lives by walking the high road on into the history books. Thus far this session, Republicans have turned their backs on our children, they have tried to rob money from our seniors and they have chipped away at a woman's right to choose. I urge my Republican colleagues to, at long last, do right by the American people and vote for a just investigative process—the limited, focused, fair proposal presented by my Democratic colleagues